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"Q Now, Admiral, I believe yesterday or the day before you mentioned, or you stated that the Japanese Navy started practicing on the Pearl Harbor plan some time in the summer of 1941. That was correct, was it not?

"A Yes, I believe the Fleet started training in the summer as you say.

"Q Do you remember just about what month in the summer of 1941, Admiral?

"A I don't remember too clearly but I am sure it was some time in the summer.

"Q Would you say it was possibly some time in July, 1941?

"A Yes.

"Q As I have the details here, the experiments and training were held at Sukamo, Saiki, Kagoshima and Konoye. Is that correct?

"A Sukamo is a very suitable place for training and the Navy has consistently used it for such, but I believe the training of dive bombing and coming in low over the mountains which was utilized in the attack on Pearl Harbor was practiced at Kagoshima.

"Q And later in August of 1941, is it not a fact, Admiral, that the final plans were made at the Naval War College in Tokyo?

"A I believe preparations by the Naval War College were started in October and a considerable amount of research was done. The results were later given out to us, and that was how we first heard of the attack officially, and at that time the Commander of the Fleets put forth the plan which was later adopted.

"Q When you say, Admiral, that you later were first officially advised of the results, do you mean by that that you were advised of the results of the attack on Pearl Harbor?

"A After the results of the research of the Naval College had been put forth the Commander of the Fleets explained the Pearl Harbor plan.

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"Q As a matter of fact, Admiral, the time in which the plans were perfected at the Naval War College was in late August and early September, 1941 rather than in October, was it not?

"A Do you mean the plan for the attack of Hawaii or the general research which was carried on by the Naval College?

"Q I refer to the time, Admiral, when the plans were perfected at the Naval War College in Tokyo, at which time various teams were made up such as the "N" Team, the "A" Team, and the "E" Team.

"A I don't remember very well but I believe it may well have been toward the end of September.

"Q And in these games at which the plans were perfected for the attack upon Pearl Harbor, Admiral, you acted as umpire, did you not?

"A No, the head umpire was Admiral YAMAMOTO. I had no connection with the war games but I went to see the results when they were over.

昭和三十三年三月二十五日付に於て永身修身訓問
答

問、サテ提督、貴下、昨日デシタカ、昨日デシタカ、一九四二年
夏、或は日本海軍、真珠湾攻撃ノ演習ヲ始メタ
ルト云フデシタカ、或ハ迷フデシタカト思ヒマスガ、ソレハ同
違ナカッタ事デセウネ

答、然リ、貴方、言ハル、如ク其夏ニ艦隊ハ訓練ヲ開
始シタト思ヒマス

問、提督、貴下、一九四二年、夏、何月頃カ記憶シテ
居リマシタカ。

答、私、餘リ明確記憶シテ居マセン、然レモソレハ其夏
、或ハ始メタツタハ、確實デアリマス。

問、ソレハ一九四二年七月、或ハ始メタツタカモ知ラナイ
ト云フノデスカ。

答、然リ。

問、此處ニ其ノ詳報ガアリマスガ、其実験ト訓練ト
ガ「スカモ、佐伯、鹿兒島及「コノエ」ニ於テ実施サレ

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ヲ中ル。其ノ通りデスカ。

答、スカモ、訓練ニ好適地デアリマス、レデ海軍ハ常ニ斯ノ如キ訓練ニ其地ヲ使用シタ、然シ眞珠湾攻撃ニ応用シタ急降下爆撃及山越、但空飛行ハ訓練ハ鹿兒島於テ行ハシタモノト思ヒマス。

問、提督、後ニ一九四二年八月ニ東京ノ海軍大学ニ於テ最後ノ計畫ガ作ラシタ事ハ事實デアリマセカ。

答、海軍大学ニ依ル準備ハ十月ニ始メラシ、又樹リ、調査ガ行サシタト思ヒマス。其成果ハ後ニ吾々ニ公表サシマシタ。ソシガ吾々が攻撃ニ関シテ公ニ通知シタ最初デアリマス。ソシテ其時艦隊司令官ハ後ニ採用セラシタ計畫ヲ発表シマシタ。

問、提督、貴下ガ後ニ其結果ニ就イニ始メテ公式ニ通知サシタト云ハ、ノハ眞珠湾攻撃ノ結果ニ就イテ通告ヲ受ケタト申サル、ノデスカ。

答、海軍大学ノ調査ノ結果ガ発表サシタ後、艦隊司令官ハ眞珠湾計畫ヲ説明シタデス。

問、事實上、提督、海軍大学ニ於テ計畫ガ完

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成サシタ日時ハ一九四一年ノ十月ト云フヨリモ寧ロ八月末
或ハ九月早々デハナカツタノデスカ。

答、貴方ハ布哇攻撃ノ計畫ノコトヲ言ハレ、デスカ或
ハ海軍大学ニ於テサシタ一般調査ノコトヲ云ハレゾカ。

問、提督、私海軍大学ニ於テ計畫が完成サシタ時
事ニ就イテ申シテ居ルノデス。エヌ組トカ、エイ組ト
カ或ハ「イ」組トカ色々組ガツク時ノコトデス。

答、私余リヨリ記憶シテ居リマセ。然シ成程九月ノ終
頃ト申シタ方が良イカモ知レナイト思ヒマス。

問、提督、真珠湾攻撃ノ計畫ヲ完成サシタ此ノ模
擬戦デ、貴下ハ審判官ノ役ヲサシタデハアリマセカ。

答、否審判長ハ山本大將デアリマシタ。私ハ模擬戦ニ何等
ノ関係モアリマセシタ。然シ模擬戦が終ツタ時ニ
其結果ヲ見ニハ作キマシタ。

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